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A Message from the U.S. Attorney



It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Even before joining the office, I was familiar with and admired the outstanding reputation and impressive accomplishments of the U.S. Attorney's office. Certainly these achievements would not have been possible without the exemplary efforts of the men and women of our office. But given my experience, I know that such success is only possible when federal, state, and local law enforcement enjoy a strong working relationship. In my capacity as U.S. Attorney, I am committed to strengthening and expanding our existing partnership to ensure that collectively we are doing every thing we can to keep our citizens safe. To this end, I look forward to meeting you in the future and exploring opportunities to broaden our collaborative endeavors.

In the meantime, I am pleased to share the second issue of our district's newsletter with you. In this edition we highlight two key resources within our office that may be of assistance to you—our Victim/Witness Program and our Intelligence Specialist. To the extent that you have any questions about these or other resources that we can make available to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or my staff.

Peter J. Smith

Victim/Witness Program

The Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that victims and witnesses of federal crimes are treated with fairness and respect and that victims are afforded rights and provided services necessary to help ease the impact of their victimization. To support this commitment, every United States Attorney's office has a Victim/Witness Assistance Program to assist victims and witnesses of crime. Locally, the Middle District has three individuals dedicated to victim/witness assistance: Victim/Witness Coordinator Laurie Reiley and Victim/Witness Assistants Allison McGarry and Amy Mutebi.

As part of its efforts, the Victim/Witness Program seeks to provide information on rights and services to victims and witnesses of federal crimes, and encourage the participation of victims in the criminal justice system in accordance with federal law.

The Justice For All Act was enacted in 2004 to strengthen and enhance the following rights:

- (1) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused.
- (2) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, or any parole proceeding, involving the crime or of any release or escape of the accused.
- (3) The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding.
- (4) The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, sentencing, or any parole proceeding.

(5) The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case.

(6) The right to full and timely restitution as provided in law.

(7) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay.

(8) The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy.

Although these rights significantly mirror the rights of crime victims in Pennsylvania, the Justice For All Act differs significantly in that there is recourse for victims whose rights have been violated. The rights described can be asserted in the district court in which a defendant is being prosecuted for the crime or, if no prosecution is underway, in the district court in the district in which the crime occurred. In addition, officers and employees of the Department of Justice and other departments and agencies of the United States engaged in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime will make their best efforts to see that crime victims are notified of, and accorded the rights. In the event that does not occur, victims may file a complaint that must be reviewed and responded to.

Contacts for Victim/Witness Matters

For cases coming out of our Harrisburg and Williamsport offices, **Laurie Reiley**, and her assistant, **Amy Mutebi**, can be reached at 1-866-673-7340.

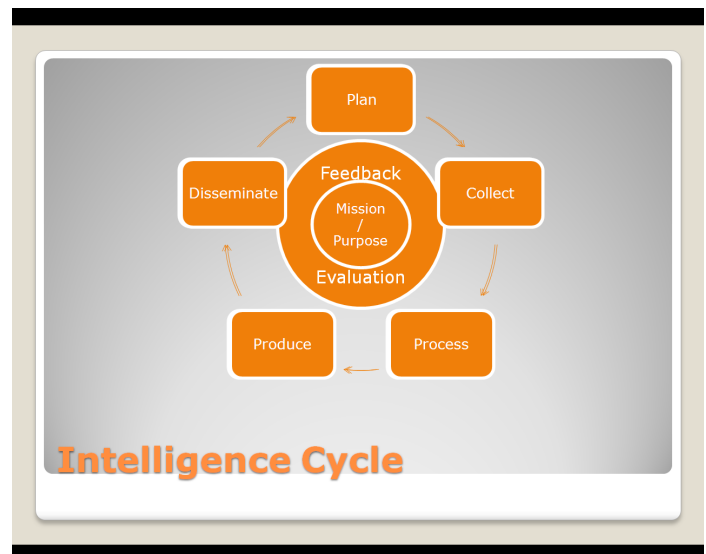
For cases coming out of our Scranton office, **Allison McGarry** can be reached at 1-866-996-4320.

Intelligence Specialist

In November of 2001, the Attorney General directed Justice Department components to review their procedures for information sharing, information analysis, and coordination of activities with federal, state, and local agencies to prevent acts threatening public safety and national security. To significantly improve its capabilities, each United States Attorney's office hired intelligence specialists that have access to the full spectrum of intelligence data available to the intelligence community. This access, along with their extensive intelligence and law enforcement experience, small group size, and flexibility, allow intelligence specialists to quickly leverage government resources to acquire critical information to connect seemingly unrelated cases which may have potential national security implications. In times of crisis, intelligence specialists rely on their network to quickly share time-sensitive, pertinent threat information with the appropriate federal, state, and local officials.

While their specific roles and responsibilities vary in each district, the intelligence specialists are the experts on intelligence matters and advise decision makers, as appropriate, on strategic and case specific national security issues in each office. Though they are not official members of the intelligence community, intelligence specialists are uniquely qualified to generate and uncover intelligence that assists federal, state, and local organizations through various programs and initiatives. Intelligence specialists are able to use their access to, and understanding of, classified national intelligence information to collaborate with community members, identify suspicious activity, and develop leads in furtherance of protecting our national security.

Intelligence specialists also provide support to their district's Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council (ATAC), which are comprised of federal, state, and local law enforcement, as well as, first responders, public health and safety officials, all of whom are dedicated to the goal of working together to detect, deter and prevent terrorism, and promote national security. The core functions of the ATAC is to promote information sharing, to facilitate national security training, and to develop counterterrorism strategies and initiatives. Because of the large geographic area of the Middle District of Pennsylvania, our ATAC endeavors to work through existing agencies and organizations throughout the district. The Intelligence Specialist for the Middle District can be reached at (717)221-4482.



Administrative Division wins prestigious Director's Award



Pictured left to right: Christine M. Osborne, Linda L. Smith, former U.S. Attorney Dennis C. Pfannenschmidt, Patricia J. Mellody, Cathy A. McGarry, and Patricia A. Wiscourt

Several staff members from the Administrative Division of the Middle District of Pennsylvania were nominated and selected to win the prestigious “Executive Office for United States Attorneys Director’s Award.” Cathy A. McGarry, Patricia J. Mellody, Christine M. Osborne, Linda L. Smith, and Patricia A. Wiscourt won the Superior Performance by an Administrative Team Director’s Award for their support to the mission of the USAO during periods of unparalleled change and transition. As a result of the consummate teamwork of these administrative division specialists, this office has attained extraordinary levels of litigation success, while engaging in comprehensive renovations and improvements of all three district offices. The team also skillfully guided the district’s budget during times of fiscal constraint, enabling the district to perform its litigation mission without interruption, while increasing staffing by 20% in a two year span.

The recipients of this award gathered at the Robert F. Kennedy Main Justice Building in Washington, D.C. to be recognized for “exceptional work, dedication, and distinguished achievements.” Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General of the United States, David W. Ogden, former Deputy Attorney General of the United States, and H. Marshall Jarret, Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, were on hand to provide remarks to this distinguished group and present their awards.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Recent Noteworthy Cases

U.S. v. Cegledi et al

Ramon Ferrer, a/k/a “Poncho”, the second-in-command of an East Coast methamphetamine trafficking ring was sentenced to 262 months’ imprisonment. Ferrer and his co-defendants attempted to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine in Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin, Schuylkill, Berks, and Lehigh counties, as well as the State of Georgia.

This case was investigated by DEA, Pennsylvania State Police, Lehigh County District Attorney’s office, Allentown Police Department, and the Berks Lehigh Regional Police Department.



U.S. v. Spencer et al



Two men from Lancaster, John Spencer III and Donald Stoner were sentenced to prison terms for conspiracy to commit identification fraud in connection with a scheme targeting DUI offenders in Lancaster and York counties. Spencer was sentenced to 21 months’ imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$21,260 in restitution. Stoner was sentenced to 27 months’ imprisonment and ordered to pay \$19,650 in restitution.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

U.S. v. Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania



In May, the United States Attorney’s Office announced that Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania agreed to pay a civil settlement of \$38,000 to the U.S. Government and establish new internal operating procedures aimed at increasing accountability in the administration of its student financial aid program. The settlement is the result of the improper handling of federal work study funds after Bloomsburg’s administration became aware that one of their assistant baseball coaches, a student, was fraudulently acquiring Federal Student Aid through the Federal Work Study Program.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Education.

Recent Noteworthy Cases continued...

U.S. v. Clark

Glen Clark, a former Assistant Vice-President, Controller, and Principle Accounting Officer for North Penn Bank in Scranton, pleaded guilty to embezzling approximately \$30,000 and making numerous false entries that resulted in approximately \$488,000 in losses to the bank.

Clark faces up to 60 years' imprisonment, \$2 million in fines and full restitution.

This case was investigated by the FBI.



U.S. v. Parida

In June, Saroj Parida, a Lancaster County physician who was board-certified in neonatal and perinatal medicine, was sentenced to eight years in federal prison and ordered to pay \$7 million in restitution for engaging in a scheme that resulted in the submission of false medical claims that were paid for services Parida never rendered. Authorities seized \$5.7 million from Parida that will be applied towards restitution.

This case was investigated by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Defense, PA Attorney General's office, and the Cumberland County District Attorney's office.



Pat Wiscount Memorial

If you had called or visited our Harrisburg office anytime during the last 12 years, more than likely, speaking to Patricia Wiscount would have been your first impression of our office. She was the face of our place. The sheer volume of callers and visitors alone would overwhelm most people. Pat welcomed every one of you, as if you were the most important person in the world, and she truly meant it.

Pat loved her job, and she was a very warm and generous person, who was a model for all of us to follow on how to care for others. Our entire Middle

District of Pennsylvania strived to “be like Pat.” In her free time, she enjoyed gardening, walking, and going to the beach as often as she could get away.

On June 2, 2010, our dear Pat lost her long-fought battle with lung cancer. However, throughout her illness, she continued to maintain that positive, cheerful attitude, always preferring to talk about the people that she worked with at the USAO, rather than herself.

We, along with her husband Harry and all her family, miss her and her caring words and gentle smile more than words can express.

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